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WEMNS
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT
METRIC FOR NATIONAL
STATISTICAL SYSTEMS

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023,
13:30-16:30 CEST,
Iran Room, FAO HQ (hybrid)**

ZOOM REGISTRATION

**Thursday, September 21, 2023,
09:00-17:30 CEST,
Iran Room, FAO HQ
(in-person,
by invitation only)**

*Organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)*

The two-day **Women's Empowerment Metric for National Statistical Systems (WEMNS)** event is the soft launch of a streamlined tool for measuring women's empowerment, which is suitable for use by national statistical systems in large-scale, multitopic surveys. WEMNS is being developed by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Emory University, Oxford University, and the World Bank's Living Standards Measurement Study Unit in collaboration with country partners and the 50x2030 Initiative, supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development.

This event will present the WEMNS tool and discuss its use to further advance women's empowerment.

Day 1 Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the iterative and collaborative process used to develop the tool, including stakeholder consultations, cognitive interviewing, and piloting using phone and face-to-face surveys in Bangladesh, Guatemala, Malawi, and Nepal
- Discuss the process of mainstreaming WEMNS in the 50x2030 partner countries
- Present experiences from countries that piloted the tool
- Discuss the potential of WEMNS for promoting and monitoring women's empowerment as part of national statistical surveys

Day 2 Objectives:

- Technical workshop for researchers, country teams, implementers, and partners involved in the 50x2030 Initiative. Participation in this event is by invitation only.
- Present psychometric validation used to refine the item sets, as well as the process of further validation and the creation of a multidimensional, counting-based index
- Present an overview of the WEMNS metric, including details on the methods and indicators used to calculate the metric

AGENDA: Day 1

TIME (CEST)	SPEAKER
13:00-13:30	Registration
13:30-13:50	Welcome Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Piero Conforti, FAO
13:50-14:20	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of WEMNS – Agnes Quisumbing, IFPRI• WEMNS instrument – Jessica Heckert and Greg Seymour, IFPRI• Mainstreaming WEMNS in the 50x2030 Initiative's partner countries – Chiara Brunelli, FAO
14:20-15:10	Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adapting WEMNS in the field – Sudhindra Sharma, Interdisciplinary Associates, Nepal• Insights into data collection – Md. Zahidul Hassan, Data Analysis and Technical Assistance, Ltd., Bangladesh• WEMNS in national statistical systems – Shelton Kanyanda, National Statistical Office, Malawi• Using WEMNS to monitor regional women's empowerment goals – Regina Valiente, Secretaría Presidencial de la Mujer (SEPREM), Guatemala• Moderator – Mousumi Sarkar, USAID
15:10-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:15	Questions and discussion
16:15-16:30	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sara Savastano, IFAD• Heather Moylan, World Bank• Chiara Kovarik, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



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Related links:

WEMNS: <https://www.ifpri.org/blog/developing-womens-empowerment-metric-national-statistical-systems>
50x2030 Initiative: <https://www.50x2030.org>